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Civilian aviation in Communist China is under the Civil Aviation Bureau of the People's Military Council. This bureau controls the China National Aviation Corporation and Central Air Transport Corporation, which were set up with personnel who defected from the Nationalists. There are no regularly scheduled flights because of the limited number of planes available and possible attacks by Nationalist planes. However, there is non-scheduled air service between Chungking and Canton. Since January 1950, the Communists have provided air service on the same basis between Peiping and Lanclow (termed the Ching Lan (永 ) line), and between Peiping and Canton, (tormed the Ching Sui (永 ) line). The former links Peiping, Sian, and Lanchow, and the latter, Peining, Tientsin, Chengehou (113-40, 34-45), Hankow, Hengyang (112-35, 26-56), and Canton.

The U SR has been granted a lease until 1959 on the airfields at Urunchi (87-36, 43-48); Lanchow, Hsining (101-49, 36-37), Chungking, Chongtu, Hankow, Kweilin, Canton, and Hengyang.\*

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Comment. Previously the only field scheduled for actual control by the Soviets was at Chinchou (121-07, 41-07), apparently built at Soviet citto so.

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